

## House Resolution No. 807

**Whereas**, Virginia Young of Jefferson City, Missouri, has been nominated to receive the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Award, a tremendous accolade given annually by the Women Legislators of Missouri in honor of Missouri's first African-American woman state representative; and

**Whereas**, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is presented to a Missouri woman who, through her commitment and determination, has made major contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation concerning equal opportunities for all Missourians in the areas of education, housing, employment, etc.; and

**Whereas**, currently serving as a Jefferson City Correspondent for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Virginia Young has written several articles focusing on women that include the progress of women legislators, the sexism faced by women law enforcement officers in the Highway Patrol, the legal injustice suffered by a cancer patient whose pap smear had been mishandled, the lack of oversight of day care at casinos, and how women legislators balance their jobs with their small children; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife and loving mother of two children and three grown stepsons, Virginia Young joined the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in 1989, prior to which time she served as an Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Journalism from 1984 to 1989 and as City Editor for the Columbia Missourian and the Columbia Daily Tribune; and

**Whereas**, the author of "Women on Deadline: A Collection of America's Best", Virginia Young received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from William Jewell College in 1976 and her Master's degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1978, where she was a member of the national journalism honor society Kappa Tau Alpha; and

**Whereas**, a proud recipient of numerous awards including the 2000 Missouri Department of Mental Health Advocate Award, Virginia Young took the First Place award in Investigative Reporting from the Missouri Press Association in 1998 and distinguished herself as a Poytner Fellow for the teaching of Writing from The Poytner Institute for Media Studies in St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1988, and a Ganett Fellow from Indiana University-Bloomington in 1987:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Virginia Young upon her well-deserved nomination for the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Virginia Young.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Cathy Jolly  
District No. 45

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 807, adopted March 15, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker

